

a grounds maintenance team and working at making our school look great. A fantastic job!
Thank you to Colleen for also helping to keep our school grounds tidy and ready for use.

Community News

WRSRC social touch held at the domain on Sunday 12 February, 5.00pm. All welcome.

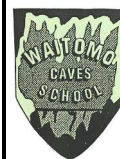
The Otorohanga District Library's Junior Book Group meets after school, from 3.30pm to 4.30 on the third Tuesday of every month (in term time). Children aged from 9 to 13 who love reading are invited to join the Group. Activities each month include afternoon tea, talking about the books we've read, new books display, crafts, quizzes etc.



What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

6 February	Waitangi Day holiday
7 February	Manual begins for Year 7 & 8's
8 February	PARENT MEETING 3.15pm
13 February	Specialist Monday programme begins
13 February	Kick Start classes resume
14 February	Board of Trustees meeting
15 February	Year 4-8 Camp
16 February	Year 3 School Sleepover
17 February	Year 1-3 Marokopa Day trip
21 February	Year 5 & 6 swim in Otorohanga
22 February	Small Schools Swimming Sports
24 February	Seniors swim in Otorohanga
29 February	COP's Swimming Sports
2 March	First Community Assembly

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Newsletter

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Term One 2012

Week One – 3 February

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings and welcome back to a new school year. We extend a very special welcome to our newest students Ashton Burgess and Kupa Taane, who turned five recently, Alyssa and Rebekah MacLellan, Devon Anderson and Tui Davis. Welcome David Phillips & Angel Taane and Stephen & Patricia MacLellan, Aaron & Rhonda and Rena Morgan to our parent community. Also welcome to school Jack Verry who turns five over the weekend and joins us on Tuesday.

We have begun the year with 42 students. Kowhai class consists of 17 Year 1 to 2 students, Totara class has 12 Year 3 & 4 students and Kauri class has 13 Year 5 to 8 students.

Ms Easton will be teaching in Kowhai class, Mr Julian Dimond in Totara class situated in the library with Mrs Dimond and Mrs Steger in Kauri class.

On Monday's Miss Crown will be teaching music, Waiata and Te Reo. We also have available Renee from Sport Energize and Dawn Davidson for swimming tuition. Classroom teachers will be teaching students swimming and water safety skills with Rachel Stubbs joining the senior class swimming programme on occasional sessions.



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Office administrator Mrs Bobbi Baker will be working three mornings a week. We also welcome back Mrs Sandra Morgan our faithful cleaner.

Parent Meeting

There is a very important parent meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8 February at 3.15pm. Please attend as parents will receive curriculum dates to plan for the year. Teachers will also brief our parent community on routines and procedures within the junior, middle and senior classes.

Following the parent meeting parents are asked to stay on for our initial fundraising meeting of the year.

Swimming

With the swimming season underway all students will have daily swimming lessons in our school pool. All pupils are expected to participate and parents are asked to send along a note to the teacher if they wish to have their child excused from swimming for health reasons. Swimming attire is very important. Girls should wear a one piece suit and boys short shorts. Big baggy rashies, t-shirts and shorts restrict children from developing correct swimming techniques and buoyancy. Rashies keep the children cold and are only useful for protecting them from the sun. We provide sunscreen that does this job successfully. We also recommend students wear swimming caps to prevent long hair obstructing vision while in the water.

Rachel Stubbs will be coaching some senior swimming sessions while class teachers will continue the swimming programme throughout the term. Currently we have two sessions booked at the Otorohanga Pool for the seniors. These dates are Tuesday 21 and Friday 24 February. On the Friday afternoon **transport of 3 or 4 vehicles will be required to drive the seniors to Otorohanga**. Please contact Tamae if you can help.

Camp

The Year 4 to 8 students will be involved in the Marokopa camp scheduled for Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 February with Mrs Dimond and Mrs Steger. The Year 3 students will be participating in a school camp-out sleepover on Thursday 16 February with Ms Easton and Mr Dimond. On Friday 17 February Year 1, 2 and 3 students will travel to Marokopa for a day trip. More information will be available at the parent meeting on Wednesday 8 February at 3.15pm.



Technology 2011

Year 7 & 8 students will begin manual training on Tuesday 7 February. Children are required to have suitable covered footwear for safety reasons. These students will be involved in this curriculum specialist subject at Otorohanga South Technology Centre which will be every Tuesday afternoon and transport by bus is provided. Students will leave school at 12.30pm and return at 2.50pm.

Stationery and Fees

Please be advised that stationery fees and any other costs relevant to Term 1 will be sent home by invoice around week 5.

Kick-Start Classes

Kick-Start to School Classes resume on Monday 13 February for the term.

Swimming Sports

Please note Small Schools Swimming Sports will be held on Wednesday 22 February starting at 10.00am. This swimming event involves all Year 4 to 8 students. We will need to assemble at the Otorohanga Pool by 9.45am on Wednesday morning. We require parental support, could parents please contact the school if you are able to help with transport.

On Wednesday 29 February our strongest swimmers from Year 4 to 8 will compete at the COP's swimming sports. Again we will need help with transport so students can assemble at the Otorohanga Pool by 9.45am for a 10.00am start.

SPARC Rural Travel Fund

Towards the end of last year we were successful in an application for funding. We would like to acknowledge and thank the SPARC Rural Travel Fund Waitomo District Council. The rural travel fund is designed to help subsidise travel for junior teams participating in local sport competition the target being young people aged between 5 and 19 years of age. Also thank you parents and players for your commitment to your sports teams throughout 2011.

Titwai Choir T-Shirts

Choir members are asked to please return red Titiwai t-shirts to school.

Thank you

Our sincere thanks to Alannah and Batch for their commitment and expertise in maintaining the pool over the summer break as well as leading